

South Dakota Bandmasters Association
Executive Board Meeting
Online via Zoom
May 1st, 2021

Board Members in Attendance: President Mary Cogswell; Vice President Ben Koch; Past President Jeff Patzlaff; Region Representatives Dan Sip, Kelli Van Overbeke, Renee Munsen, and Mick Dragoo; Young Bands Representative Jared Opp; Secretary/Treasurer George Dragoo

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Cogswell at 10:03 am (CST).

Minutes – The minutes from the February 2021 Executive Board Meeting were presented to the board by George Dragoo. Ben Koch motioned for the minutes to be approved. Mick Dragoo seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Treasurer, George Dragoo, gave an update on the finances of the South Dakota Bandmasters. Since the approved report from February there have been 2 minimal payments (Hall of Fame and Young Director Awards), and a deposit of membership fees from Paypal. The current balance of accounts is \$9148.46 (as of 5/1/2021).

Membership Report – Ben Koch reported that our current membership is at 188 members (with 6 members in the “grace period”). Those who have expired will be contacted regarding bringing their membership current. The SDBA Facebook Page is currently at 499 likes.

Rock and Roll Association Report – Helen Mogen joined the meeting and gave a report on the the Rock and Roll Association. As of today, there are about half a dozen grant applicants. The association is going ahead with plans for 10 scholarships but will adjust if financially necessary. They are also looking at potentially increasing the grant amounts in the future. Communication was shared regarding the first “Garage Band” competition that will be held at the next induction ceremonies.

Summer Symposium Report – Helen Mogen reported about the Summer Symposium that will take place on July 24th. So far there are five presenters (Dr. Tim as Keynote Speaker, James Weaver on Recruitment and Retention, Jake Wallace on Conducting, Ann Hempfler on Percussion Basics/Beginners, and Del Hubers on Low Brass and Tuba Basics/Beginnings). Helen would like at least one or two additional presenters. Ideas can be shared directly with her.

Elementary Contest Report – Jeff Patzlaff shared that over a dozen schools reached out regarding acquiring ribbons for contest. There were five contests held as usual this year, while multiple schools had in-house contests. It’s likely there will be some more throughout May.

SDBA Scholarship Recipients – The names of this year’s recipients were shared with the board: Alyssa Mueller from Black Hills State University and Itsuki Takahira from Northern State University.

New Business Items –

Discussion was held regarding Conductor's Gifts for All State Events. In the past the SDBA would provide Thank You Gifts to guest conductors. It was decided that we should continue with this practice as it not only shows gratitude to the conductors, but also serves as a positive presence for our organization.

Discussion was held regarding the timelines for accepting nominations for the SDBA Hall of Fame and the Dennis Hegg Young Director Award. With the move to present these awards at our February Convention it was decided to start the nomination process earlier (perhaps early October). It was also discussed to find ways to allow people to speak in support of nominees prior to the vote and presentation (written and video). Fall Region Meetings are a great time to encourage people to nominate candidates from all areas and sizes of programs.

Discussion was held by the board to find ways to be a proactive presence for the influx of newer directors in positions next fall. The idea to create a list of new directors and open positions was shared, and several ideas were discussed to help engage SDBA in our state better and help in all regions with all sizes of schools. President Elect Ben Koch will be putting together a committee to research, develop, and implement programs for the 2021-2022 school year.

Discussion was held about potentially offering an Outstanding Jazz Educator Award. The general consensus was that with the limited pool of potential candidates this may not be needed. No action was taken.

Mary Cogswell was contacted by ijazzmusic.com about potential sponsorships with the SDBA. Mary will visit with them in more detail to see how and where they could be a participant (Midwest Scholarship Investor, Scholarships, etc.). She will share more information after that discussion.

The board discussed the idea of SDBA helping coordinate a statewide consortium to commission a piece of 0.5 band literature that individual schools could be a part of. Mary Cogswell will investigate the range of costs for this kind of project and report back to the board.

Members in Distress – Jim Smith and Duane Niles can both use people's thoughts and prayers right now.

Members Retiring – Jeff Patzlaff (Platte/Geddes) and Ron Stary (Brookings)

Ben Koch made the motion to adjourn the Executive Board Meeting. Jared Opp seconded the motion. The board unanimously voted to adjourn at 11:10 a.m. (CST).

Respectfully Submitted,
George E. Dragoo
SDBA Secretary/Treasurer